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### CONCEPTS OF PRAYER (II)

LORD; TEACH US HOW TO PRAY:

*(Luk 11:1) And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, **Lord, teach us to pray**, as John also taught his disciples.*

*AMP Then He was praying in a certain place; and when He stopped, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, [just] as John taught his disciple*

**READ: Job. 42:9-10, Jas. 5:13-13 amp, Gen. 28:12-13, Ph. 4:6 & 7, 2<sup>ND</sup> Ki 18,19 & 20.**

COMMIT TO PRAYING “RIGHT” :( 1st Tim 2:1-3 amp)

In order for our prayers to gain God’s attention we have to commit to praying right.

- There is prayer that is good, right, pleasing and acceptable to God. There is also prayer that is “not good and right” nor pleasing and acceptable to God.

EXAMPLE OF GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE PRAYER: JOB’S PRAYER (Job 42:-10)

- Passionately praying for other people will bring you to a place where very few people are privileged to be.
- Praying fervently for other people touches God’s heart to move on your behalf even when you have not asked for anything.
- When Job prayed for his friends God turned his captivity and God gave him twice what he had lost.

EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER: (Jas 5:13-18)

- Effectual fervent prayer is not a shallow “wishy –washy” kind of prayer; it is not a flippant, light-hearted, faintly- uttered prayer.
- Effectual fervent prayer is zealous, earnest (heartfelt, continuous) prayer of a righteous man that makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].
- When you are saddled with so many “challenges” - pray with all your heart.
- Prayer changes things; Prayer makes impossible things possible.
- Effectual prayer provokes the ministry of angelic beings and angelic forces to work on our behalf. (Gen 28:12-13, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ki. 19:34-35 amp)

THE PEACE OF GOD IN THE PLACE OF PRAYER: (Ph 4:<sup>6-7</sup>amp)

- The peace of God is your access to the victory of God.
- Prayer keeps God at the center of everything in your life.

*The essence of prayer is to display our confidence in God. (2<sup>nd</sup> Ki. 18:19)*

***SUGGESTED DISCUSSIONS:***

1. *What makes prayer acceptable to God?*
2. *Why don't many believers receive answers to their prayers?*
3. *How can we engage the ministry of angels to work on our behalf?*
4. *Give examples of situations in the Bible where angels were assigned to work when prayer was taking place.*